



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

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SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICAL AND MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DIPLOMA IN MECHANICAL
ENGINEERING

MED –PR 308:METROLOGY AND INDUSTRIAL MEASUREMENTS II

DATE: 27/4/2016

TIME: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS:

- *This examination contains two sections A and B*
- *Section A is compulsory*
- *Attempt any other two questions from section B*

SECTION A (COMPULSORY) - 30 MARKS

1. a) State any four factors to consider in the selection of a screw thread. (4 marks)
- b) Define the following terms as used in the measurement of screw threads.
 - i) Pitch
 - ii) Thread angle
 - iii) Crest
 - iv) Root
 - v) Flank(10 marks)
- c) Describe the following pitch errors in screw threads
 - i) Thread drunkenness
 - ii) Periodic pitch error
 - iii) Progressive pitch error(9 marks)

- d) Show that the formula for the calculation of simple effective diameter for an ISO screw thread is given by;

$$E_d = T + p/2 \cot \theta - d(\operatorname{cosec} \theta - 1) \text{ where;}$$

E_d = simple effective diameter

P = nominal pitch

d = wire diameter

θ = Semi angle of the thread

(7 marks)

SECTION B (ATTEMPT ANY TWO QUESTIONS FROM THIS SECTION)

2. a) Define the following terms with reference to gears.

- i) Addendum
- ii) Diametral pitch
- iii) Dedendum (6 marks)

- b) (i) Show that the expressions for the calculations of both W and h for a gear tooth measured along the pitch line is given by;

$$W = NM \sin \left(\frac{90}{T} \right)^\circ \text{ where}$$

w = Tooth thickness

N = Number of teeth

(5 marks)

M = Module

h = Depth from the top of the tooth

- (ii) Show that the depth from the top of the tooth for the above value of w is given by

$$h = \frac{NM}{2} \left[1 + \frac{2}{N} - \cos \left(\frac{90}{N} \right)^\circ \right] \quad (5 \text{ marks})$$

- c) Calculate the gear tooth vernier settings w and h to measure a gear of 133 teeth and module 3mm. (4 marks)

3. a) With the aid a sketch explain the working principle of a gear tooth vernier for the measurement of tooth thickness. (10 marks)
- b) With the aid of a labeled sketch describe the principle of operation of a rolling type gear testing machine. (10 marks)
4. a) Explain the effect of surface texture on the following;
- i) Fatigue life
 - ii) Bearing properties
 - iii) Wear (6 marks)
- b) With the aid of sketches explain the principle of operation of the following methods of measuring surface texture
- i) Tomlinson surface metre (7 marks)
 - ii) Talysurf (7 marks)
5. a) With the aid of a sketch describe the following methods of analyzing surface texture
- i) center line average (CLA)
 - ii) Root mean square method (RMS)
 - iii) Peak to valley height (15 marks)
- b) In an experiment to determine the texture of a surface to the summation of all the areas of the traces was 256mm^2 over a length of 25mm.if the vertical magnification was $\times 20000$ calculate the surface roughness in micrometers using the center-line average (C.L.A) technique. (5 marks)